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THE State of Delaware has two United States Senators to-day despite the treachery of four men elected as Republicans, the unprecedented action of Senator-Governor and would-be Dictator, William T. Watson, and foolishly prolonged struggle among the Republican members. The Senator is Col. Henry A. duPont, a man who requires no introduction to the Republicans or the people of New Castle county. He is a man who in personal character, educational qualifications, business integrity, and natural ability, is the equal of Mr. Gray who will be his colleague, and he comes of a family whose history is a credit and an honor to the State, in the army and navy, in the business and social world. We congratulate the people of Delaware and the Republican party in particular upon the election of Col. duPont, and we present our compliments to the Senator-elect and pledge to him a united party. Hurrah for Senator duPont!

Nothing is more true than the declaration that a man can destroy the reputation of a life time in an hour. Many a man of good name has realized that one false step in a weak moment has cost him more than all the combined mistakes of years. In our opinion William T. Watson took such a step last Thursday to the gratification and delight of the office-seeking and rooster element of his party, and to the disappointment and mortification of the men and women of the State who are Democrats from principle. To one of the latter class, who, it is said, went to him and protested against his action, Mr. Watson acknowledged it to be against his better judgment, but said that this one single honorable voice of all the men of his party who surrounded him, was the only protest raised—that all the other members of his party were urging him to assume the position, which to us, appears to be the triple role of Senator, Governor, and Dictator.

The step taken by Mr. Watson was to enter the Senate Chamber as a State Senator after he has taken the oath as Governor, to assume the double office of Governor and Senator, without a precedent in the history of the State, to preside as Speaker of that body, to enter the joint session as presiding officer and to cast his vote as a Senator of that body after an understanding and presumably a deal had been made with four renegade Republicans aided and abetted by Addicks to defeat the election of a United States Senator. Mr. Watson did this notwithstanding the delicacy of his position as Governor of this State and in the face of the trust and confidence reposed in him by all the people of the State. He holds the Governorship by the theft of Kent county last November, and as he had nothing to do with that steal, Republicans have not desired to hold him personally responsible for it, but since he has joined hands with the men who accomplished that disreputable and indefensible job he has made their acts his own, and henceforth he must be known as one of "de gang."

What is his reward? It must be a troubled conscience, unless he has concluded to stifle that unnecessary part of a politician's life, and the assurance of no less able a lawyer than Hon. George V. Massey that Mr. Watson is not a State Senator, that he had no legal right to preside or cast a vote in the joint session, that of the twenty-nine legal votes of the General Assembly, Col. Henry A. duPont received fifteen, and he is the junior senator-elect to-day for this State.

Mr. Watson has the approval of the rings and roosters in his party, and on Thursday the editor of *Every Evening* congratulated Secretary of State Whitehead on "the back bone of the administration" with the promise of a column endorsement, and turned around to "let me congratulate you, Bob old boy; put it there!" and those two worthies clasped hands, Rooster Hanby and Rooster Handy. What a sight to the people of Delaware to witness such a scene upon the floor of the House of Representatives during the balloting for the election of a United States Senator, to see those worthy roosters figuratively fall upon each others' necks and to rejoice. It was a suitable union. Let them eat, drink and be merry together for they have the fattest calf (Addicks), but great must be the regret of the rank and file of the Democracy that these two worthies are upon the same low plain and elbow to elbow, and near them, stands the "accidental" Governor. Let the curtain be drawn."

ON Tuesday night the beginning of the end of the senatorial contest began. Mr. Massey's letter of withdrawal of Monday which was interpreted by a gentleman who had been voting for him as "the first evidence Mr. Massey had given that he was a candidate or would accept the office if elected," had not the effect expected and the conference of Tuesday evening, participated in by all the Republican members except Mr. Wilson and Mr. Ball, demonstrated the fact that neither Mr. Higgins nor Mr. Massey could be nominated. Mr. Addicks sent for Mr. Higgins at a very late hour that night and with the declaration that it was "Addicks or nobody," asked that Mr. Higgins turn over his support to him. Mr. Higgins told him every man who had voted for him absolutely controlled, and had controlled, his own vote, that those men had said they could not support Mr. Addicks because the people of New Castle county would never accept the result, that he, (Mr.

Higgins,) agreed with the New Castle county's representatives in that opinion and could not advise them to accept Mr. Addicks, and furthermore the friends of Mr. Massey would never accept Mr. Addicks and if Mr. Addicks controlled his men as he claimed, he could prevent an election and thus would be no Senator. The anxious Republicans on the ground retired for a little rest.

On Wednesday morning the sentiment around Dover of the men desirous of making a Senator began to show itself. "Higgins, Higgins, give us Higgins," was heard on all sides. It came from the Massey men, from the Addicks adherents, and was earnest but it could not be. At least one Massey man had declared he would never vote for Mr. Higgins and Mr. Addicks' four men would not, though they subsequently cast for him, an insincere ballot to draw and scatter the united vote then being given to Col. Henry A. duPont.

The joint session began at 12 o'clock on Wednesday and the efforts of the active Republican had been to unite all the forces outside the Addicks ranks upon one man. Mr. Higgins had withdrawn from the race and counseled his friends to centre upon the best man available. They agreed among themselves that Col. Henry A. duPont was the man. They voted for him for 32 ballots, and during five of those ballots he had 14 votes or within one of an election. Hanby, Ball, Brown, C. L. Moore, and Robbins stood together for Addicks. Mr. Money voted with them for eight ballots. The Massey men voted for Mr. Pennewill for four ballots and then joined the Higgins men for Col. duPont. This drove the Addicks men to an insincere vote for Dr. Hiram R. Burton to draw off his friends from Col. duPont. It did not succeed. Then William duPont was sprung by the Addicks men to prevent the election of his brother. The Addicks forces joined the Democrats and took a recess, and the Massey men were urged to join with Addicks and elect William duPont. He reached 13 votes, or within two of the election, when on the 33rd ballot for the day, the 16th of the session, the Higgins men went to Dr. Burton and remained with him to the 42nd ballot when Burton had 8 and William duPont 11 and a recess was taken to Thursday morning.

Thursday morning the balloting began at 9 o'clock with 12 ballots for Col. duPont. William duPont had 7 votes: Hanby, Moore, J. M. C. and C. L. Ball, Brown, Morgan, Robbins. On the next ballot J. M. C. Moore went to Col. duPont. On the third ballot Morgan went to Col. duPont, making 14 and the others went to Pennewill. On the fourth ballot the 14 insincere move of the Addicks men was made in three ballots for Mr. Higgins and they then joined the Democrats in a recess to 12 o'clock. At the regular noon hour the balloting began under increased and intense excitement. Governor Watson had usurped the chair of Speaker and the Democrats and Addicks' men knowing that Mr. Brown would no longer vote with the Addicks men, Mr. Watson had yielded to the pressure to cast a vote in the last desperate effort to prevent the election of a Senator. The balloting began and for 36 ballots the vote stood 15 for Col. H. A. duPont and 4 for J. E. Addicks. C. L. Moore and Robert J. Hanby were constantly in consultation with the Democrats and the half dozen Republicans who stood with them in their vain effort to strike a death blow to the Republican party. The four men who betrayed their trust and their party are:

Robert J. Hanby,  
Charles Louther Moore,  
newell ball,  
John M. Robbins.

Under them and beneath them is John Edward Addicks.

Let them die the death predicted by their patron, and be glad that they do not live in a country where vigilance committees have done effective work for less criminal offenses.

At fifteen minutes of 3 o'clock, at the close of the 217th ballot, when Governor Watson declared there was no election, Senator Alrichs arose and read a protest against the decision of the chair, insisting that the governor had no vote and no right to preside and that of the 29 legal votes cast Henry A. duPont had received 15 and was regularly and legally elected.

The Governor—Speaker—Presiding officer in a very dictatorial manner refused to entertain the protest, to have it recorded on the journal, or to allow an appeal to be taken. The Democrats then filibustered until 3 o'clock, the hall having to be cleared because of the disorder among the Democrats occasioned by the appeal and at 3 o'clock the "accidental" declared the Legislature adjourned sine die.

LAST week reference was made to an anonymous letter which appeared in the *Every Evening* of May 1st, but not having space for the entire letter only brief notice was made then of it. The letter deals of personal matters, and as the readers of the *TRANSCRIPT* are the most intelligent citizens of this community, of the county, and of the State, it is given on the first page in full that every reader may judge of its charges, of the "grand and lofty feats of political tumbling" to which the editorless paper around the corner refers, the particulars of which it is very careful not to mention.

But what says the anonymous letter? That "Mr. Downham was not chosen speaker as he thought he would be." How contemptible little must be the man who penned that sentence, if he really knew the facts—as we believe! The want of intellect in the editorless sheet around the corner excuses it from senselessly accepting the *ipse dixit* of the *Every Evening*. What are the facts? Mr. Downham was chosen speaker on the first ballot in the caucus of Republican members of that General Assembly though he was the

youngest Republican of the body, but when the members of Kent county in vain tried to settle upon a clerk for Kent to which county the clerkship was conceded, Mr. Downham waved his election, and a speaker was chosen from Kent and the clerkship went to Sussex. Any member of that General Assembly will bear witness to the above fact. This is falsehood No. 1.

"It was settled who was to be made United States Senator before any caucus was had. Mr. Downham well knows how, when, where and by whom it was done." The man does not live, and never did live, who ever had any knowledge or took any part in any such settlement, nor will any paper ever produce the first line of proof to that effect. This is falsehood No. 2.

That Mr. Downham was "rewarded" by Senator Higgins "with a pretty little office in Washington" can be believed by all who desire to do so. Mr. Downham stood all night in the caucus for the man that his county wanted, the man who had led the Republicans of old Sussex to victory, Charles H. Treat, but being assured by the men opposed to his election that Mr. Treat could not be elected, Mr. Downham at the early morning hour, after an all night vigil, turned his efforts towards the election of the man who in New Castle county had stood as leader of the Republican party in victory or defeat the same for twenty years, and the result was the election of Anthony Higgins. His record of six years in the United States Senate stands out clean and clear, able and brilliant, and last Wednesday and Thursday not less than 95 per cent. of the Republicans of the State desired to see him elected to succeed himself. No better vindication of the choice of the General Assembly of 1890 is needed than the feeling among the Republicans within the State and of all self-respecting citizens within or without the State to-day, of the character of Anthony Higgins, nor can little men nor little papers detract from the place he holds in the nation, in the State, and with the best people of whatever political opinion. Mr. Treat had no idea of being a candidate for the Senate when he was a candidate for Representative in Congress nor can the name of any man be given who has knowledge of any such intention on his part, hence Mr. Downham, could not, and did not, make him any promise before the election, and never made him any promise after the election. Accusation that he did is falsehood No. 3.

Falsehood No. 4 is the assertion that Mr. Downham claimed to be "a Massey man." He did claim, and does claim, respect for Mr. Massey personally, because of his former personal and business relations with Mr. Massey, and regrets as much as any one can that Mr. Massey did not decide years ago to enlist fully as a Republican leader in this State, and to help fight its battles under all circumstances. He would have made a brilliant leader, and with Higgins and Massey in the Senate, as it might have been, no State would have been better represented in the United States Senate.

We feel that an apology is due our readers for this extended notice of an anonymous scribbler, but being a comparative stranger to the people of the community, we felt it but right to publish the letter in full and to make the contradictions explicit that both sides may be read and we are willing to leave the verdict to a discriminating public.

A complimentary copy of the *TRANSCRIPT* is presented this week to our former friends in and around Middletown. And when we look on their broad acres, their commodious dwellings, their growing crops, their free, open-air independence, and contrast them with the hard lot of an editor, the disappointments of politics, the insistence of the patent medicine advertiser that he shall be at top of column, with reading matter at the left of him, and reading matter behind him, we envy the farmer his happy lot and wish ourselves back behind the plow handles. Of course some "smart Alex" will deliver himself of the opinion that we should never have been anywhere else, but such a man has not soul enough to appreciate the value of the "cloud hopper" as he would slightly refer to the men through whose labor comes the substantial wealth and prosperity of the country.

THE *TRANSCRIPT* desires to get on the best of terms with the farmers of this community. Its columns are open to them to discuss all matters of interest, and so far as lays within our power it shall be our duty as well as our pleasure to insist upon giving the agricultural interests of this community that protection which they so much need from burdensome taxes and political jobs that a few may flourish at the expense of the many.

There is one thing more that the *TRANSCRIPT* desires of the farmers' wives and daughters. We wish to chronicle all the social happenings of the community, and we must rely on the people interested to keep us posted. Let the country folks do as their city cousins do; send to the papers direct and at once notice of the little social matters, including the visits and visitations of the aforesaid city cousins, and all other personal matters of interest to the readers of the local paper. Will you do it? Try it.

THE attention of farmers and all others interested in agriculture is invited to the fourth page of this issue, where will be found a complete synopsis of the annual report of the Experiment Station of Delaware College. It is worth reading and preserving.

FROM OLD SUSSEX.  
Hon. W. L. Sirman, of Delmar, has announced his candidacy for the office of Clerk of the Peace of Sussex county. Lewis has three nonagenarians: Mrs. William Cottingham, aged 90, Mrs. Nathaniel Cottingham, 91, and Mrs. Rhoda Maull, 93.

#### CURRENT EVENTS.

President Cleveland is taking a cruise on the Chesapeake bay, on the "Violet."

The New York assembly has passed a bill making Lincoln's birthday, Feb. 12, a legal holiday.

The Arkansas legislature forgot to make an appropriation for the maintenance of the state penitentiary at its last session.

Ambassador Thomas F. Bayard, Mrs. and Miss Bayard attended Queen Victoria's drawing room reception at Buckingham Palace on Wednesday.

The Tennessee Governorship contest was closed on May 3d, by the joint Legislature giving the seat to Turney, the Democrat nominee, by a vote of 71, to 57.

A monument in memory of the Confederate soldiers of North Carolina, will be unveiled at Raleigh, May 20th. The widow and grand-daughter of Stonewall Jackson will be present.

—There is something in a name, sometimes—a hooster couple named their girl triplet Ruth, Esther and Frances, and President Cleveland presented the father of the trio with a check for \$500 to be used for their education.

Prof. Swinton Shortridge, who killed his young wife over a year ago, and has since been confined in the Norristown Asylum for insanity, has been released by the authorities, his physicians accounting him fully restored to sanity.

Rev. Edward Everett Hale celebrated his 73d birthday this week. The distinguished preacher, philanthropist and literateur has just returned to Boston from a Southern trip, and is still possessed of that intense vitality which led Holmes to call him the "living dynamo."

Mrs. Theodore Havemeyer, wife of the wealthy sugar King, is a queen of extravagance. She is fond of flowers. She buys lavishly and has spent as much as \$500 for a great basket of orchids. She also shows great ingenuity in devising schemes for spending money.

A cat show was the society event in New York city this week; over 300 tabbies were entered for prizes—which amounted to no less than \$1,000. The show had all the eclat of a society fad, with such distinguished ladies as Mrs. J. J. Astor and Mrs. Stanford White as patronesses.

A large class of young women doctors graduated this week at the Woman's Medical College of Philadelphia. The woman doctor has come to stay, and there is in the United States 9 medical colleges exclusively for women, and 47 open to both sexes.

San Bernardino county, Cal., has the villages of Cadiz, Bagdad, and Siberia, not far apart on the same line of railway: Delaware has Odessa and Smyrna, only fifteen miles apart, while the eastern shore of Maryland has Cordova, Bethlehem, Vienna and Berlin all within a radius of thirty miles from the third named place.

Among Mr. Gladstone's innumerable claims to distinction some one mentions that his appearance on a warm day is "as cooling as an ice drink." The Grand old man welcomes the advent of spring with all the jauntness of a gallant a quarter as old and appears in jaunty gray clothes, white hats and vests and adorns himself with the most springlike of boutonnières.

The Golden Wedding Anniversary of Rev. D. P. and Mary A. Livermore was celebrated at their Massachusetts home on Monday. Two thousand guests attended the reception which lasted from 2 to 6 p. m. Mrs. Livermore is 74 years old, and has a wide reputation as an author, lecturer and philanthropist. She has no mark of age and is youthful in spirit and manner.

The late Ward McAllister gave this definition of a gentleman: "A gentleman is a person free from arrogance and anything like self-assertion, considerate of the feelings of others, and so satisfied and secure in his own position that he is always unpretentious, feeling he could not do an ungenerously act; as courteous in his manners to his inferiors as to his equals."

The countess de Castellane, when she was Miss Anna Gould, at one time attended the fashionable ladies school at Ogontz near Philadelphia, and was so noted for her pranks and violation of the rules that only her "pull" saved her from expulsion. Among her many misdeeds she had a marked partiality for flirtation through the fence rails with the youths who attended the military academy at Cheltenham.

MY MARYLAND.  
Elkton will have a lawn tennis club this summer.

Strawberries will be shipped from Wilcom County next week.

Murphy's Mills, near Bunker's Hill, were entered by thieves one night last week and \$50 dollars worth of flour stolen.

—Twenty seven places where liquor was sold in Cecil County, were closed on May 1. When the prohibitory liquor law went into effect.

Wescott Faithful has leased the basket factory at Chestertown, and will begin work about the 15th of June, making peach baskets and crates.

It is estimated that the arrest, conviction and execution of Marshall Price will cost Caroline County \$4000. The reward of \$500 that was offered for the arrest and conviction of Sallie Dean's murderer will be paid by the county commissioners to Detective Hunt and Seibold.

The municipal election held in Cecilton, Monday, was exciting, there being two tickets in the field. The successful ticket which polled nearly a hundred votes was: For commissioners, James Smith, Eugene R. Pearce, George Milliken, Enoch Short and J. A. Cannan. The present bailiff, Wm. Taylor, was re-elected.

It was discovered this week that Franklin K. Rupp, of Cecil county, composed of E. F. Marsh, John Banks, John M. Tucker, P. P. Black, W. T. Pryer, Steward L. Ball, on Thursday appointed George S. Woolley, of Chesapeake City, a member of the county central committee in place of the late Daniel Bratton. The committee recommended that the primaries be held on Saturday, June 1.

Pensioners Added to the List.  
The Pension Bureau has allowed the following claims of Delawareans: Increase, Jacob C. Wilson, Milford, Kent county; reissue, John H. Turner, Wilmington; Joshua E. Swain, Laurel, Sussex county.

The store of Thomas Frazier, at Bowers' Beach, was broken into by burglars, early last Saturday morning. The clerk who sleeps at the store, shot at them and injured one so that he was captured.

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## Local News.

—The barefoot boy has made his appearance.

—This is fine weather for Strawberry festivals!

—Planked shad is the popular peninsula delicacy just now.

—A beautiful rainbow was visible after the showers on Tuesday.

—Everybody should feel happy at the prospect of a plentiful fruit crop throughout the State.

—Strawberries are quite plentiful in the Wilmington market, retailing at 15 and 18 cents per quart.

—With lilacs, shrubs and apple trees in bloom, the air seems laden with the very breath of heaven.

—The Presbyterian Manse is having improvements in the way of new paper and plant and other inside decorations.

—There are a number of Middletown gardens that have already yielded a plentiful supply of radishes and lettuce.

—A singer who can sing and won't cut a long-drawn-out Out Cent a Word Corner will bring the answer.

—The gasoline stove is found of great value since the warm weather has set in and every body who has one is glad to use it.

—The ladies of St. Paul's M. E. Church of Odessa will hold a Strawberry Festival in Town Hall, on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, 22d and 23d inst.

—Now that the baseball season is on, and the summer girls in sight, we may have a little rest from Napoleon and Tribby. Anything for a change.

FOR SALE.—The property on the Southwest corner Broad and Green streets, the residence of the late Charles Reardon. Is on the premises after May 25.

—Eight new subscribers this week, six the week before and twelve the week before that. Thanks, good friends. Come again. The most cordial welcome awaits you.

—The Wilmington school m'ns and pupils have enjoyed a May-day holiday of a week's duration, this week having been given up to recreation and the study of Nature.

—Charles Schulmaster, a carriage trimmer, in Wilmington, aged 50 years, committed suicide Monday by drinking laudanum. Domestic trouble was the cause.

—The old blue flag, the Iris, is blooming in all its royal beauty. The dandelion too, and yellow violet, have joined the galaxy of spring beauties and other flower friends are soon to follow.

—The out-of-door season has come, and old and young are enjoying the porch rocker and hammock. It is a good life in a land where there were no front porches or warm summer evenings?

—Grace Orchestra, of Wilmington, will give a concert in the Pender Presbyterian church, on Thursday evening, May 10th to which they invite all their friends and the general public.

—The copious rains of last week followed by the warm sunshine of this week, seem to have put new life into every living thing. Plants never seemed to grow so fast, nor leaves to unfold so rapidly.

—The only fault one could find with this weather is that it is not "meum" enough. The thermometer is away up in the nineties, and still getting higher, and the temperature is more like midsummer than early May.

—Rev. L. I. Wood will preach on the following subjects at the M. E. Church tomorrow, At 10:30, "The Talents" Mat. 25: 14. At 7:30 "The Gospel and the cry of the Masses" Acts 16:9. You are cordially invited to the services.

—There will be three fair girl graduates at the Middletown Schools this year: Misses Sallie Jolls, Mary Maxwell and Hattie Barnard. There are also three girls in their senior class, and the inquiry comes "where are the boys?"

—The birds from the sunny south which summer in this region have nearly all arrived, and the air is pulsing with their song of joy. Of all the wild whistling warblers there are none more welcome than the black bird and thrush.

—There were a great many visitors in town last Saturday, and the merchants were busy all day. In the evening the Plaza was lined with teams, and the streets thronged with pedestrians, and much of the old time activity seemed to have returned.

—The lawn fete and strawberry festival to be given by the Diamond State Band on the school grounds, next Wednesday and Thursday evenings, held fair to be a very enjoyable affair, if the weather is favorable. The "boys" are worthy of a liberal patronage.

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—The Commencement exercises of the Middletown schools this year, will be very fine. H. C. Conrad Esq., of Wilmington, is expected to make the annual address; beautiful music will be rendered by a chorus choir, and Prof. Sharp is sparing no pains to make this the best Commencement in the history of the school. June 14th is the time.

—An enterprising young lady on Cass street is having marked success with growing tomato plants. She planted the seed in pots late of early winter, and now has a fine "patch" of thrifty, handsome plants in bloom, and some with sizable tomatoes already in view. She has transplanted her crop to the open ground, and they do her fair cultivator much credit.

—The Ladies Mite Society of the M. E. Church held their annual election at the home of Mrs. Culbertson, on Saturday evening, when the following officers were chosen to serve for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. V. L. Culbertson; Vice President, Mrs. E. E. Rice; Secretary, Miss Emma Merritt; Treasurer, Mrs. V. W. Massey; Parsonage Committee, Mrs. M. L. Price and Mrs. W. Maxwell.

—Nature is a thrifty dame! Her spring housecleaning is so genuine and thorough that the brown old earth, washed by spring rains, seems new again; like certain Middletown houses that have been lately renewed, where art and industry combine with such charming effects, and the housewife's touch of skill and grace is traced in every appointment. Truly, housecleaning, housecleaning, in these days, is a fine art.

—Charles S. Smith, formerly proprietor of Smith's Mills, died at the residence of William Yoshell, near McDonough on April 30. He was afflicted with softening of the brain, and during a period of mental disturbance, fell from the house some weeks ago, and death resulted from the injuries he received. He was 74 years old, and had resided at the Mills for over 43 years. His funeral took place May 2 inst. at Dr. Wray's, near Odessa.

—The Epworth League gave its first monthly entertainment last evening in the M. E. lecture room. The program consisted of essays, recitations and music comprising "An Evening at Epworth Rectory," and was a very instructive and entertaining affair. The pastor, Rev. L. I. Wood, is making a special effort to have the League a great spiritual and intellectual power here and has already re-organized and started anew the various departments.

—Apparatus to those betrothal pups mentioned in last week's TRANSCRIPT, it is stated as a positive fact, that a certain man, not a resident of Middletown, gave two hundred dollars for a "darling little doggie for his dear." A sorrowful, hearing this bit of news, remarked upon the cost of such a betrothal pup, but concluded that it was cheaper after all than the pups of the bled variety from over the sea, that are purchased by daughters of American money-magnates who give millions for a pup with a pedigree.

## PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

—Mrs. J. B. Messick is visiting friends in Dover.

—Mrs. Joseph Biggs is visiting friends in Philadelphia.

—Miss Viola McWhorter is visiting friends at Glasgow.

—Mrs. C. B. Constable has returned home from a visit to Baltimore.

—Miss Corinne Cochran is visiting Miss Mendallan, in Wilmington.

—Miss Louise Reynolds is visiting Miss Gertrude Sadler in Delaware City.

—Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McWhorter spent the day yesterday in Wilmington.

—Miss Bessie Clift, of Sassafras, was the guest of Miss Julia Stas this week.

—Thomas C. Frain Esq., of Dover, was a Sunday visitor to Middletown friends.

—S. A. Bachman, of Elkton, formerly of Middletown, spent a day here this week.

—Mrs. Joseph Smithers, of Smyrna, was the guest of Mrs. M. B. Brown on Wednesday.

—The copious rains of last week followed by the warm sunshine of this week, seem to have put new life into every living thing. Plants never seemed to grow so fast, nor leaves to unfold so rapidly.

—The only fault one could find with this weather is that it is not "meum" enough. The thermometer is away up in the nineties, and still getting higher, and the temperature is more like midsummer than early May.

—Rev. L. I. Wood will preach on the following subjects at the M. E. Church tomorrow, At 10:30, "The Talents" Mat. 25: 14. At 7:30 "The Gospel and the cry of the Masses" Acts 16:9. You are cordially invited to the services.

—There will be three fair girl graduates at the Middletown Schools this year: Misses Sallie Jolls, Mary Maxwell and Hattie Barnard. There are also three girls in their senior class, and the inquiry comes "where are the boys?"

—The birds from the sunny south which summer in this region have nearly all arrived, and the air is pulsing with their song of joy. Of all the wild whistling warblers there are none more welcome than the black bird and thrush.

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—Miss Clara Moor, has completed her second year's course at the Woman's Medical College, Philadelphia, and has returned home for the summer vacation, which she will spend with her parents in town.

—Mrs. George Gill and family have moved from their home in the country, and are residing with her father, Mr. John Drummond on Green street. Mrs. Gill was induced to make the change in order to be with her father, who was lately afflicted with the death of his wife.

—Misses Edith Mary Reynolds, Mary Pennington Cochran and Edith Anne Derrickson, and Messrs. W. B. Reynolds, H. A. Poole, F. R. Poole, R. Louis Naudin, Harry Budd, and John Rothwell, attended a social hop given by the young ladies of Delaware City last evening in Assembly Hall.

—Alexander Jarrell, of Delaware City, visited Middletown friends this week. He is an ardent admirer of the TRANSCRIPT under the present management, and is not saving his roses to plant on his editor's grave, but left him a nosegay of compliments that will sweeten his labor for days to come.

—Mrs. Emily Morgan, who has filled the position of housekeeper in the National Hotel for over a year past with the greatest acceptability to the patrons of the house, and more especially to the boarders, left on Monday for Philadelphia to take a rest and treatment of physicians. Mrs. Morgan takes with her the best wishes of all who have known her here.

## A. O. U. W.

A new lodge of Ancient Order of United Workmen, was instituted in K. of P. Hall, Tuesday evening, May 7th. Several members of the Grand Lodge of Delaware, assisted by members from Diamond Lodge, No. 9, of Dover, conducted the introductory ceremonies. The Charter list is composed of representative men of the community, as follows: Past Master Workman, J. H. Emerson, J. B. Bratton, W. S. Lewis, G. D. Kelley, J. W. Soloway, D. M. Short, S. A. Pitt, E. F. Bishop, James Daily, M. N. Watts, Rev. F. H. Moore, D. W. Colpitts, Charles Fox, Dr. C. B. Constable, W. J. Givens, W. H. Boulden, Edwin Freymann, Alex. M. Brown, Isaac Taylor, A. Hushaback. Officers were elected and installed for the year as follows: Past Master Workman, Samuel A. Pitt; Master Workman, J. H. Emerson; Foreman, W. S. Lewis; Overseer, J. W. Soloway; Recorder, J. B. Bratton; Receiver, Dr. C. B. Constable; Elmer Freymann; Medical Examiner, C. B. Constable; Guide, A. Hushaback; Inside Watchman, Isaac Taylor; Outside Watchman, W. J. Givens; Trustees, D. W. Colpitts, Charles Fox, W. H. Boulden. Those present from Dover were: Grand Master Workman, C. B. Freymann; Prof. J. E. Carroll, J. T. Hoffacker; Rev. W. S. Murray; and from Wilmington, Grand Recorder, Charles E. Woods, S. H. Johns.

The name of Union Lodge being suggested it was adopted unanimously, the meeting night, will be Tuesday, at 8 o'clock. Suggestions for the good of the order were responded to by members of those present, after which the meeting adjourned.

The A. O. U. W. is a secret beneficiary society, organized for the protection of those dependent upon its members; it is 26 years old and has 340,000 members in the United States. It issues a benefit certificate of \$2,000 to each of its members and has a fund of \$1,000,000.

—Rev. N. M. Browne was a member of this order and his widow received her \$2,000 sometime ago.

## Views of Women.

Do not dispute about the rights. It is a woman's privilege to have all the rights of man.

If you are a sensible man we will be your clothes.

When a woman discovers her first gray hair, she becomes far more amiable to her sweetheart.

—TRACED Mrs. NOTICE.—We have the genuine Darr, two minute harness, at Manufacturer's prices.

A woman only gives her second kiss; the first one is stolen from her.

Suits that you'll be satisfied with 'till you can't patch them.

However many compliments you may pay a woman, she will think that you have not said as much as you might have done.

Leghorn hats for the little girls for 50c, and 75c, at Mrs. Adams.

A woman who casts down her eyes is generally looking for someone at her feet.

Little boy's hats and caps are among Mrs. Barnett's specialties.

If a woman has many faults, console yourself with the reflection that she might have a good many more.

Money moves the world—low prices must move goods. J. B. Messick.

The ways of reaching a woman's heart have been known from time immemorial, and yet how difficult it is to find the right one!

A woman is never more bewitching than when she wears a jaunty sailor hat, and Mrs. Barnett's is the place to get one. She has the latest, from 10c to \$2.00.

Mrs. Adams has new lot pretty prints and other summer dress goods in season.

Cheapest in town! Ginger Cakes only 44 cents at Bradley's, where you can get all the early vegetables and fresh fruits in season. Bananas, 20 cents a dozen.

Woman does all she can to render herself irresistible, and then orders man to keep his distance.

Mrs. Barnett has just returned from the city with a fine assortment of Millinery goods for children's day. She invites her patrons to come early for a first choice.

Faustian friend—Well, have you and your wife settled as to who is to be speaker of the house? Young Husband—Not yet. We occupy the chair together.

Every housewife should persuade her husband to visit the tonorial parlors of W. Freeman, late of Wilmington, opened on North Broad street.

If you want her to look sweet get her that pretty pattern hat Miss Eckenhofer's window. It is a beauty. White Neapolitan straw, and as airy as a summer spout. The prettiest summer hats of the season are found at Misses Eckenhofer's.

Governor's Appointments.—Governor Watson announced the following appointments on Monday:—Members of the State Board of Health: Dr. Frank Pierson, Wilmington; J. W. Clifton, Smyrna; Edward Fowler, Laurel. Trustees of State Insane Hospital: William F. Orr, Dover; Dr. Paris F. Carlisle, Frederic; Thomas H. Gilpin, Middletown. Board of Medical Examiners, created under act to regulate practice of medicine and surgery—On behalf of Homeopathic Schools: Dr. Charles M. Almond, Newark; E. S. Anderson, Dover; Irvine M. Plinn, Wilmington; A. K. Frantz, Wilmington; J. M. Smith, Kent County. On behalf of Allopathic school—Dr. Hiram R. Burton, Dover; Irving S. Valandigham, Middletown; James H. Wilson, Dover; E. M. Cooper, Camden; J. A. Elledge, Wilmington; Ezekiel W. Cooper, Camden.

## SOME JOKES.

The editorless sheet around the corner says that the quotations from its columns in reference to the TRANSCRIPT, given in our paper last week, is an "attack" upon it. Of course it knows what they were intended to be when written in that office, but no one would have guessed they were an "attack" until labelled. What a joke! Let's all laugh, Ha! Ha!

"We have seen several editors, just as learned, equally as ambitious, but maybe less given to 'feats' as the present editor of the TRANSCRIPT, come and go, possessed of more experience but less cash in the 'Lost Cause' espoused by its present manager. The intimations of rumors, of 'feats', of 'political tumbings', must be very funny if people were only told what they are, but let's laugh at the idea of the 'good and genial editor' doing all these things. Ha! Ha! Ha! Isn't it funny, that no man in town has sufficient education to parse that sentence, and that not a man, woman or child has horse sense enough to get an idea out of the collection of words, 'Ha! Ha! Ha!' The intimations of rumors, of 'feats', of 'political tumbings', must be very funny if people were only told what they are, but let's laugh at the idea of the 'good and genial editor' doing all these things. Ha! Ha! Ha! 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